

# Gordon Primary School News

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## Be the best you can be.

### THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

Our school community was at its very best last Friday for the **Great Gordon Get Together**. It was joyful to see the playground filled with families staying behind after school to connect and catch up while the children played together. Thank you so much to everyone who attended and helped create such a lovely atmosphere. Our thanks also go to the incredible team and supporters behind the Friends of Gordon (FoG) cake sale - your delicious contributions are always greatly appreciated.

Moving into this week, we have faced some incredibly high temperatures. The children coped with the intense heat brilliantly, showing great resilience despite having limited outdoor playtimes to keep them safe and out of the sun. Unfortunately, the extreme weather meant that several scheduled events across the school had to be cancelled or postponed. We are working hard to rearrange these activities and will share updates on the new dates as soon as we possibly can.

Due to Monday's heat, **Opal Class** were unable to go ahead with their planned trip to the Greenwich Ecology Centre. However, they didn't let that stop them from having an adventure! Instead, they went to the Pleasaunce on Well Hall Road, where they had a wonderful time exploring and playing safely under the cool canopy of the trees.

We wrapped up the week today with **Express Yourself Day**, which made for a lovely, vibrant and colourful end to the school week. It was wonderful to see the children coming to school dressed proudly in their favourite colours, using their outfits to celebrate their individual personalities and unique identities.

In this week's assemblies, we have been celebrating Article 2 (Non-discrimination) from the **UN Convention on the Rights of the Child**. This tied in perfectly with our special assembly on Monday, which celebrated the success of our **British Sign Language** project where, over the past few weeks, every class has thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a dedicated signing lesson. Today, we also marked **LGBT Pride Month**, a time that reinforces our core school values of inclusivity, respect and equality.

Thank you all for your continued support and flexibility during a very warm week. We hope you all have a safe and relaxing weekend!

### HOUSE POINTS

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Congratulations to all our pupils for their hard work and great attitudes this week. House points have been awarded for showing kindness and respect, working hard and making positive contributions to school life.

### ATTENDANCE

Well done to **Sapphire, Emerald and Ammolite** classes for receiving Attendance Stars this week! Your hard work and dedication to coming to school every day really shows. Keep up the fantastic effort!

## Gordon Exhibition

You are invited to attend our annual exhibition, featuring work from all children in the school.

**Date:** Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June to Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

**Theme:** Convention on the Rights of the Child

**Time:** 3:15pm to 4pm

**Venue:** The Middle Hall

### THIS WEEK'S LET'S TALK TASK

This week's Let's Talk task is inspired by Sports Day.

**If a hot summer day were a colour, what colour would it be? Why?**

*I think ...*

*Firstly, I believe that ...*

*I agree because ...*

*Furthermore, ...*

*Can you explain why ...*

*Have you considered ...*



### CLASSES FOR 2026/2027

We have informed the children about teachers and class names for next year. Back in May, the children voted for mythical creatures as the theme for our classes for 2026/2027.

Nursery	<b>Mermaid Class</b> - Mrs Cullum & Mrs King
Reception	<b>Baku Class</b> - Mrs Beattie
Reception	<b>Otso Class</b> - Mrs Olding
Year 1	<b>Kelpie Class</b> (ex-Opal) - Miss Kemp
Year 1	<b>Firebird Class</b> (ex-Beryl) - Mrs Faiers
Year 2	<b>Pegasus Class</b> (ex-Emerald) - Mrs Abrey & Mr Wright
Year 2	<b>Jabberwock Class</b> (ex-Jasper) - Miss James
Year 3	<b>Cerberus Class</b> (ex-Sapphire) - Miss Richards
Year 3	<b>Nessie Class</b> (ex-Ammolite) - Miss Niazi
Year 4	<b>Bigfoot Class</b> (ex-Rhodolite) - Miss Burrows
Year 4	<b>Griffin Class</b> (ex-Azurite) - Miss Elias
Year 5	<b>Dragon Class</b> (ex-Nephrite) - Miss Deacon
Year 5	<b>Werewolf Class</b> (ex-Ruby) - Ms White
Year 6	<b>Chimera Class</b> (ex-Diamond) - Ms Codd
Year 6	<b>Medusa Class</b> (ex-Coral) - Ms Morton

You will be receiving your child's **end-of-year report** on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. If you would like to discuss the report with your child's teacher, we are holding drop-in sessions in the classrooms from 3:30pm to 4:30pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July. You do not need to make an appointment; please just come along.

## DIARY DATES

### June 2026

1<sup>st</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>

LGBT+ Pride Month

Monday 29<sup>th</sup>

**Stock the Shelves Summer Food Drive** - in aid of Greenwich Food Bank

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>

Gordon Exhibition open - on display until Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

**Year 4** visit to National Portrait Gallery

### July 2026

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>

SEND Coffee Morning - 9:15am / Sports Hall

Children's annual reports distributed to families

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>

EYFS Sports Day on The Green - Nursery 9:15am to 10am

- Reception 10:30am to 11:15am

**Year 6** visit to Vue Cinema

FoG Barbecue - 7pm to 10pm

Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

**Year 5** visit to St Luke's church

**Rescheduled** - **Year 6** visit to Minnis Bay (8:15am departure)

Stay & Play session for new families joining **Reception** in September

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>

Royal Opera House dance workshops

Stay & Play session for new families joining **Reception** in September

Stay & Play session for new families joining **Nursery** in September

SATS results for **Year 6** available

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

Transition to Key Stage 1 meeting for **Reception** parents and carers - 9am

Annual Reports drop-in session: 3:30pm to 4:30pm

**Rescheduled** - Ensembles Concert: 6pm / Sports Hall

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>

**Year 6** Leavers production - 6pm

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>

**Year 6** Leavers production - 9:30am

Transition to Key Stage 2 meeting for **Year 2** parents and carers - 9am

Nursery visit to Avery Hill Park

First Aid workshop for **Year 6** - kindly funded by FoG

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>

**Year 6** Disco

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>

Last day of the term - school closes at 1:30pm (11:30am for **Year 6**)

**Year 6** Leavers Assembly - 11am

### September 2026

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Autumn term begins for **Years 1 to 6** - Start dates for pupils attending

**Nursery** and **Reception** will be shared separately with parents and carers

## EYFS SPORTS DAY

**Nursery** and **Reception** will be having their Sports Day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July on The Green in the Key Stage 2 playground. **Nursery** will take part from 9:15am to 10:00am, and **Reception** from 10:30am to 11:15am. Family members are warmly invited to join us to support and enjoy the events.

**Nursery** children should come to school wearing shorts and a t-shirt, and **Reception** children should wear their PE kit. Please ensure sunscreen is applied before school, and that your child brings a hat and a water bottle to help them stay protected and hydrated throughout the morning.

We will be using the Earlshall Road gate for entry and exit. We look forward to seeing you at our EYFS Sports Day and sharing a fun and active morning with you.

## SUMMER FOOD DRIVE

To help local families who may need the **Greenwich Foodbank** over the summer holidays, we are hosting a "Stock the Shelves" food drive. If you are able to donate, please bring your items in on **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June**. We would be incredibly grateful for your support! Thank you!

**GORDON PRIMARY SCHOOL  
SUMMER FOOD DRIVE  
STOCK THE SHELVES  
MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

Greenwich Food Bank  
GORDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

**DONATE FOOD & SUPPORT PEOPLE  
DONATE FOOD & SUPPORT PEOPLE IN OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY**

**ITEMS NEEDED:**

- Canned Fruit & Veg
- Cereal & Breakfast Items
- Teabags & Coffee
- Tinned Meat & Fish
- Juice
- Long-Life Milk
- Toiletries

## GOODBYE & HELLO

We are very sad to be saying goodbye at the end of this term to two valued members of our teaching staff. Mrs Hill and Miss Vander have made a wonderful contribution to our school community, and they will be greatly missed. We thank them for all they have done and wish them every success and happiness in their future endeavours.

We would like to offer a huge Gordon welcome to Miss Elias and Mr Wright, who are joining our teaching team. We are delighted to have you join the Gordon family and look forward to working with you in the year ahead. We know you will be a wonderful addition to our school community, and we wish you every success in your new roles.

## FOOTWEAR

Please note that during the warmer summer months, pupils may wear brown, navy or black sandals to school. These must cover the toes and be securely fastened at the heel.

Please do not send your child to school in flip-flops, sliders, Crocs or similar moulded slip-on foam footwear, as they do not provide the necessary support, grip or foot protection for active school days. These should be kept at home.

If your child has an additional need and requires this type of footwear, please speak to Mrs Cuesta or email her: [hcuesta@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:hcuesta@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk) Thank you.

## SEND COFFEE MORNING

Our next coffee morning for parents and carers of children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND) will take place on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 9:15am in the Sports Hall**. These informal sessions provide an opportunity to meet other parents and carers, share experiences, ask questions and find out about support available. Whether you have attended before or are joining us for the first time, you will be very welcome. For more information, please contact Mrs Cuesta at [hcuesta@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:hcuesta@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk).

## CAN YOU HELP?

Are you a DIY expert or a flat-pack furniture enthusiast? We need some help assembling some cupboards. To keep costs down, we will be purchasing self-assembly units. Although Mr Camilleri is highly skilled at practical jobs, he is incredibly busy at the moment, so any support you could offer would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to help, please email us [office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk](mailto:office@gordon.greenwich.sch.uk). Thank you!

## WELCOME MEETINGS FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN JOINING YEAR 1 AND YEAR 3

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July

Welcome to Key Stage 1 meeting for **Reception** parents/carers (9am)

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July

Welcome to Key Stage 2 meeting for **Year 2** parents/carers (9am)

These are short meetings (approximately 30 minutes) to support you with your child's transition into new Key Stages. We will be sharing the practical things you'll need to know and you'll have the opportunity to ask questions. We look forward to seeing you!

## WELL DONE

**Crystal (N)** - Maryam for her really lovely retelling of a story

**Beryl (R)** - Jude for demonstrating creativity and teamwork during the Lego challenges this week

**Opal (R)** - Ollie for his super recall of number composition facts

**Emerald (1)** - Noah for his superb effort and improvement in phonics and reading

**Jasper (1)** - Leo for his fantastic effort in all areas of his learning

**Ammolite (2)** - Lucy for excellent recall of mental arithmetic facts

**Sapphire (2)** - Yousef for his great work ethic this week in his spelling and art

**Azurite (3)** - Gabriel for designing a seal about himself inspired by the Indus Valley civilisations

**Rhodolite (3)** - Benji for settling in so well and always being enthusiastic to share in class discussions

**Nephrite (4)** - Isabella for her considerate and emotive poetry writing

**Ruby (4)** - Diego for his excellent participation in trombone lessons

**Coral (5)** - Archie for his fantastically well-crafted diary entry using semi colons, dashes for parenthesis and "show don't tell"

**Diamond (5)** - Ronnie for his great effort editing and improving a diary entry to include dashes

**Moonstone (6)** - Matei and Martin for their detailed design and sewing skills when working for the exhibition

**Sunstone (6)** - Freddie for his fantastic enthusiasm when rehearsing for the Year 6 production

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